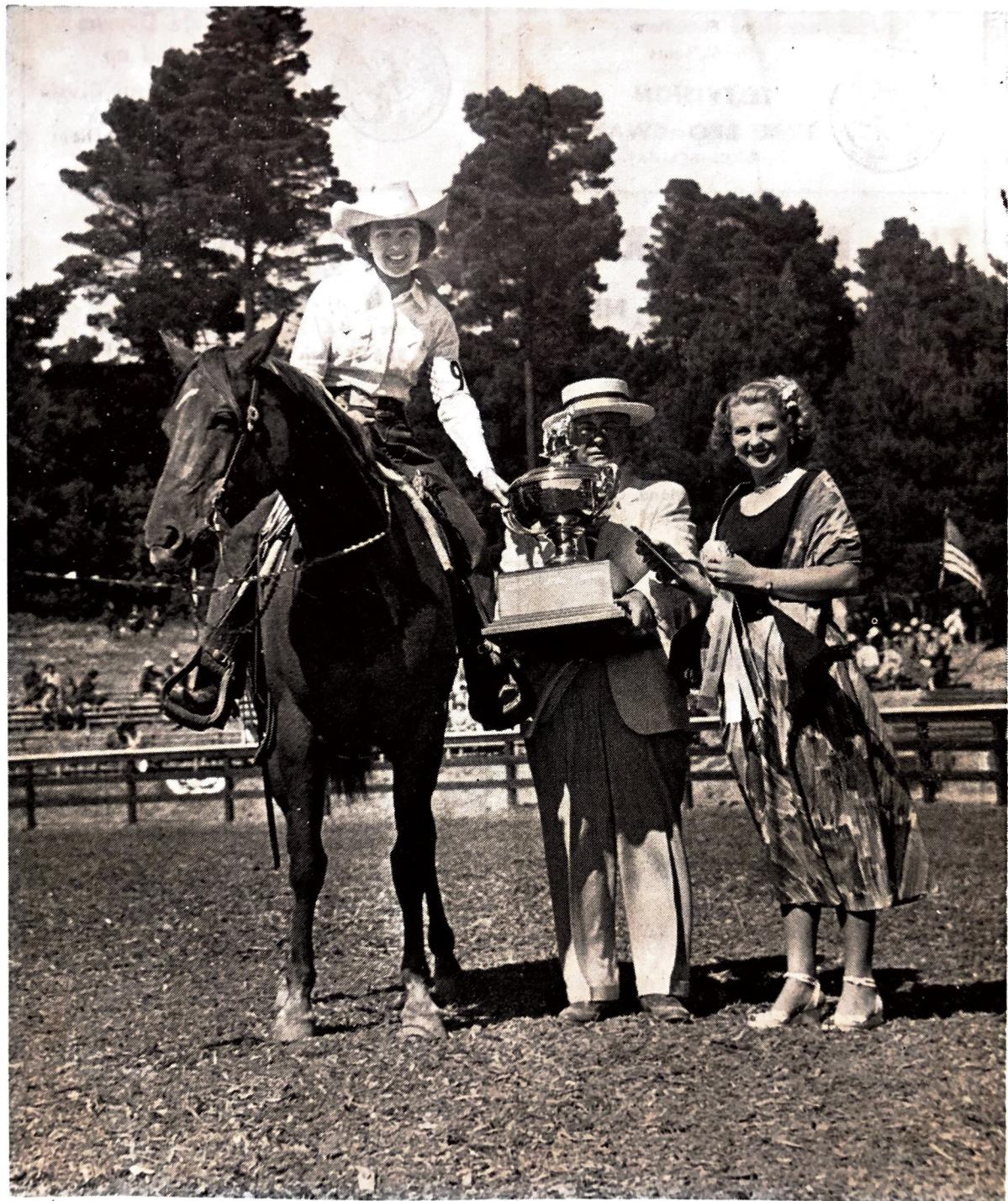




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Mickey Zwierlein on Cryer's Candy wins the Past President's Perpetual Trophy at the Ninth Annual MHA Horse Show.
Judge Roy Robinson assists Virginia Patten in the presentation.

(Photo by Sam Cohen)

TRAIL RIDE—Sunday—August 12

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FROM THE EDITOR'S POCKET

When "HEIGH-HO SILVER" booms at your horse from behind a tree, try to remain composed . . . and seated . . . tell the youngster about horses . . . it may be a future MHA trophy donor just camping in the parks this summer!

THIRTY ON JULY TRAIL RIDE

It WAS a beautiful morning July 15 when 30 MHA members joined on a trail ride. Groups from Mountain Riding Club, Green Barn, Leona and the Crossroads met punctually at Sunset Trail and after a brisk ride lunched at the arena. Lillian Tatum toted the stove and coffee pots, and John Owen acted as chef. It was the best Sunday ride yet.

Those who attended were: Burl and Lillian Tatum, Onalee and Janet Phillips, John and Dell Owen, Gus and Elsa Himmelman, Ralph and Alicia Coffey, George and Helen Daniels, Edith Roberts, Jay and Jo-Ann Baker, Marge and Scoop Rowe, Nina Stern, Dan Ralston, Larry Domina, Mabel Wallace, Genevieve Beals, Clyde Smith, Mary Larsen, Lou Schaackey, Nancy Hill, Judy White, Laverne Gabrielson, George Keffer, Bill Barnard, A. B. Graham.

TRI-CITY HORSE SHOW IS BIG SUCCESS

The Fourth Annual Horse Show of the Tri-Cities Horseman's Association, held on July 4, at Horsemen's Park, brought out a big crowd and a large entry list. Especially noted was an entry of 108 juniors.

AUGUST, 1951

The Aahmes Shrine Rangers with their beautiful pinto horses and colorful uniforms gave an outstanding exhibition. The American River Riders of Sacramento, a sensational group of junior riders made a spectacular ring appearance with their speed and precision drill maneuvers.

M. H. A. member winners included: Barbara Sweazea, First in children's English equitation, under 12; First in novice class, English, Sue Sweazea; second, Carla Nelle; fifth, Willa Clausen; Children's English horsemanship, second, Sue Sweazea; third, Carla Nelle; fifth, Jackie Wedel.

The Eden Horsemen won best mounted group in the Grand Entry; Jack Simons and Frank Kelly won first in Pair Class; Dave Jones and Bob Coats, fourth; Joe Young and Hank Zaban, fifth. Kay Pacheco won first in English Pleasure class; Frank Kelly won fifth in Parade class.

CONCORD - MT. DIABLO TRAIL RIDE

General Chairman Bob Mattson of Concord announces that the Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Ride, mammoth street parade and horse show, will be held on September 1, 2, 3.

This year's ride will be a double feature on the stiff trails leading to Barbecue Terrace on the sides of Mt. Diablo, inasmuch as a Tenderfoot Ride has been added to the grueling championship. The Tenderfoot Ride will be shorter and over a modified course, using part of the championship trails, and will be for an entirely new entry of those who do not want to attack the two-day full mountain course.

Starting Saturday, the Trail Riders from Concord and the Tenderfoot group, probably from a point near Clayton, will head for a rendezvous at Barbecue Terrace, camp overnight, enjoy a barbecue and breakfast and arrive back in Concord Sunday afternoon, September 2, for the judging of their horses.

Sunday and Monday the horse show occupies the beautiful grounds on Pacheco Road at the edge of Concord, while on Labor Day one of the largest street parades in the history of Contra Costa County will be staged as will be the finals of the horse show and the awarding of Trail Ride and Tenderfoot trophies.

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TO THE C. S. H. A.

"Dr. Roger Daniels, President
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Dear Dr. Daniels:

At a meeting in the 5th Region called by Mr. George Walling for the purpose of discussing regional eliminations, two matters were brought up for discussion which directly affect the drill teams in State competition. The Alameda County Sheriff's Posse was represented, as was our own drill team, and the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association Juniors, as well as some others who may possibly be competing.

It was unanimously agreed that all of these organizations were opposed, and violently so, to the idea of having a judge appointed by each participating drill team. Each organization present felt that such a procedure would be entirely unsatisfactory to them. We wish that you would take this into consideration in arranging for judging of the drill teams.

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The other matter discussed, about which there was no unanimous action taken since the Sheriff's Posse representative had left before the matter came up, concerns the showing of the drill teams at the convention. Those present **felt that it would not be feasible, and would be a great hardship, to have all of the drill teams show in competition on the same night.**

. . . Please give these matters your consideration and bring them up where they should be discussed.

Yours for a successful convention,
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In explanation let us say that the idea of having each drill team supply judges, and that of having all drill teams compete on the same night, did NOT originate in this area. We are sorry that our state president is forced to consider such ideas. Thanks, Dave Jones, for letting us reprint this letter. (Editor).

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RANGERS PRESENTED DRILL AT TRI CITIES HORSEMEN'S SHOW JULY FOURTH COMMA, HORSES LEFT BY TRUCK FOR IDAHO THE FOLLOWING MONDAY. CAPTAIN AND EULA BOGER, THE COATSES, MARLINS, KELLYS, JONESES, JACOBS AND ARCHIE BROWN WENT WITH HORSES, OTHERS ARRIVING LATER BY CAR, PLANE STOP LONG HOT TRIP BUT WONDERFUL RECEPTION HERE.

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D. C. JONES

(Believe me, the Editor was thrilled to get a news story by telegram).

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BOOTS and JEANS enjoyed Phyllis Barnard's fine cooking and 75 engaged in games and dancing to Dusty Dale's Trail Blakers.

Winning second place in the Hopalong parade and first for best western group in Redwood City's pre-rodeo parade brought more honors to this popular group who also appeared at Hayward's Diamond Jubilee Show, and the charity PTA Show in Livermore. The Square Dance Team gave an exhibition in Redwood City.

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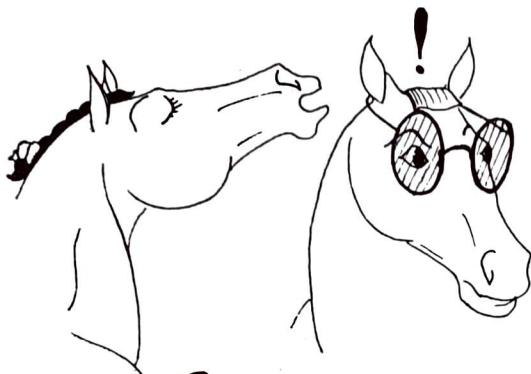
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EDUCATIONALISM and horses don't mix say Onalee Phillips, Janet Phillips, and Genevieve Beals cramming at U. C. summer session.

NORTHWARD, Helen and George Daniels, to Alaska; SOUTHWARD, Margo Brewer from Victoria; EASTWARD, Loretta and Bill Maxfield; WESTWARD and down-under in New Zealand, Claire and Roy Fefley.

WORKING to standardize riding instruction methods . . . a class at Cressmount including such notables as Cornelia Cress, Mary Lou Hansen, Muriel Ratcliff, Zib Harrison Pope, Nancy Wood.

DOING DOUBLE DUTY, Tiny Capriola of Arlington, while husband John recovers from a serious illness.

CHAMPING at Ross General Hospital, our Business Manager and Director, Burton Thomas whose spiral fracture was caused by a horse. He'll be o. k. when this goes to press but don't ask him to play hopscotch.

THANKS for a lot of hard work on the horse show — to Ralph Coffey who kept calm through big and little problems, and kept a lot of us from blowing our fuses; who secured practically all of the trophy and prize money, handled public relations, did manual labor and assisted in many other ways. Though it took 14 years to land him, it was worth it. (I'll get heck for this later.—ED.)

"THANKS to All of Those Present at the George Daniels Trail Ride and Field Day:

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the wonderful present you sent me. I sure missed not being there, but can't tell you how much it meant to me to know you were thinking of me. Hope to be seeing you all on the trails real soon. Carolyn Blanch."

We missed you, Carolyn, and we're glad you were well enough to attend the horse show later.



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REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 9

Aahmes Shrine Rangers to Act as Hosts

September 9 has been set as the date for the Fifth Region Eliminations. The location is the Aahmes Shrine Rangers' arena on Skyline Boulevard. Since time is so short, everyone should keep in close touch with the MHA SECRETARY who will be informed of each move and kept up-to-date on the details.

The Junior Eliminations will start on Saturday afternoon, September 8 and be continued at 10:00 a. m. on the 9th. All other events will take place on Sunday, September 9. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the annual Shrine Chuck Wagon Breakfast.

BIG MEETING—SEPT. 29

Region 5 has, this year, led all Regions in meeting attendance. In January 237 attended, in July, 220. On September 29 at the Mt. Diablo Country Club the meeting to surpass all attendance records will be held. **SAVE THE DATE AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY.**

The following will serve on the committee to insure the success of this meeting:

Chairman, Don Marquis; Co-Chairman, Merritt S. Herrick; Ralph Coffey, Metropolitan Horsemen's Association; Dave Jones, Aahmes Shrine Rangers; Jim Myers, Alameda County Sheriff's Posse; R. B. Burnett, Contra Costa Trail Ride Ass'n.; George Cardinet, Past President C.S.H.A.; N. A. Scott, Contra Costa County Horsemen's Ass'n.; Jack Richards, Eden Horsemen; Fred Bemis, Aahmes Shrine; Harold Cummings, Boots and Jeans; Baird C. Porter, Castro Valley Horsemen's Ass'n.; Bob Cunningham, Castro Valley Wranglers; Roy E. Lee, Contra Costa County Horsemen's Ass'n.; Juanita Shaw, Contra Costa County Shamrocks; Capt. E. Todd Ogden, Contra Costa Rangers, Inc.; Robert Dal Porto, East Contra Costa Horsemen's Ass'n.; Bob Scott, El Caballo Volante Horsemen's Ass'n.; Mrs. Alberta Weisgerber, Lari-ettes; Ad Long, Martinez Horsemen's Ass'n.; W. R. Crowe, Richmond Elks Mounted Patrol; George W. Ellwanger, Tri-City Horsemen's Ass'n.; Fred Dilsaver, Sobrante Riders; Leo Latimer, Pittsburg Horsemen's Ass'n.; E. T. Martin, I. F. A. Mounted Unit, Oakland Chapter 7; Dr. Galen H. Drury, Oakland Police Department, Mounted Unit.

JULY REGIONAL MEETING

One of the largest regional meetings held in District 5, was held on the grounds of the Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Ride

Association, on July 7. George Walling, 5th Regional Vice-President, C. S. H. A., and his committee are to be congratulated on a splendid program.

A wonderful barbecued dinner was held in the orchard, and the meeting held in the arena provided some excellent music by Martinez' Barber Shop Quartet, and a business session evidencing the hard work done by George Walling in planning this year's work. Among prominent guests were C. S. H. A. President Dr. Daniels and Secretary, Ray Stone.

Among MHA members who attended were: George and Kay Walling, Sidney Chown, Frank and Francys Kelly, Dave and Kay Jones, Burton and Margaret Thomas, Ralph and Alicia Coffey, Mabel Smith, Helen and Charles Rochi, Corrinne Smith, Ed Martin, Harry and Mrs. Peckham, Louis and Mrs. Albert, Barbara Albert, Harold and Dutch Cummings.

CLASSES FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Training of Juniors vieing for California State Championships will take place as follows: Grooming and Handling, Tack and Equipment, and American Horse Show Rules will be covered at Mr. Walling's Tack Room, 4920 Mountain Blvd., Oakland on **FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, at 7:30 p. m.**

Unsoundnesses and Blemishes, Identification of Breeds and Colors will take place at the Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Grounds on date to be announced at the August 10th meeting.

The third class for General Refresher Discussion will be held at Mr. Walling's Tack Room, 4920 Mountain Blvd., Oakland—date to be announced at other meetings. The written examinations will be taken and scores tabulated on the afternoon of Saturday, September 8, at the Aahmes Shrine Rangers' Club House.

Keep in touch with Maly Gale, MHA Secretary, OL 2-2536, or with Mr. Walling at GLencourt 1-8000 for further details.

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Tevis Paine, suave and distinguished master of ceremonies, will again officiate as director and announcer of the events. Harold Collison, incomparable hornblower, will blare the notes on his coach horn to introduce the colorful array of show classes. Setting the tempo for each event, Aletha Bowman, organist, will delight her ardent enthusiasts with appropriate music as a background for the annual equine exhibition.

In the eleven evening and eight afternoon performances, horsemen, and horse-women will be competing for more than \$35,000 offered in cash premiums to winners in the 17 classes. There will be eleven \$500 stakes and nine \$1,000 stakes during the eleven days of the fair. The \$500 stakes are offered in the Five-gaited, Three-gaited, Hackney Harness, Hunter, Working Hunter, Polo Mount, and Trail Horse classes; \$1,000 stakes in Five-gaited, Fine Harness, Three-gaited, Hackney Harness, Harness Show Ponies, Roadster, Hunter, Jumper, and Stock Horse classes.

For the first time there will be a class for Green Hunters. The class is open to horses that have not shown at recognized

shows prior to January 1, 1951, except as three-year-olds.

Adding color and action to the show, special riding groups will delight the spectators with intricate and skillful maneuvering in the arena. The Turlock Cavaliers, Alameda County Mounted Sheriff's Posse, Sonoma County Cavaliers, and American River Riders will present their riders and mounts in spectacular executions of riding skill.

Fair officials are hopeful of having Norma Matthews, Mrs. Al Lauer, participate in the show. Known as the "anchor pair" in the Olympic Equestrian team, Norma and her great Jumper, Country Boy, have won the acclaim of thousands throughout the nation.

Hunters, Working Hunters, and Trail Horses will perform every afternoon, except the opening day and Sundays, in the infield of the race track over a new and beautified course.

Judges for this year's show are some of the best in the nation. J. Miller McAfee, Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, will judge saddle horses, light harness horses, and heavy harness ponies; Colonel Alex Sysin, Pasadena, will judge Hunters, Jumpers, and Polo Mounts; Richard L. Deller, Galt, Stock Horses and Western Classes; Colonel F. W. Koester, Fullerton, Draft Horses.

Two memorial trophies, the Charles W. Paine and T. H. Ramsey perpetual trophies, will be awarded again this year. Last year, Mr. and Mrs. Garth Ottney, Yuba City, won the Paine Trophy, and W. M. Howard, Pleasant Grove, won the Ramsey Trophy.

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AT THE STABLES

MISS GRAHAM'S junior riders are very active this summer (see Junior News). Arriving recently at Miss Graham's: Nugget, Palomino quarter horse owned by Mr. Hawxhurst; Stormy, traveling from Denver with the Victors; Don Juan, recently purchased from G. B. Sturgeon of Lafayette, is by Bronzal formerly owned by Miss Graham.

Mary Dailey, recovering from an accident, rode on King recently; Lloyd Graham made 5 out of 7 when roping at Piedmont when he and Bud Stanley did some practicing; in July, The Bridoons enjoyed a fine ride finishing with breakfast at the Round-Up.

MOUNTAIN RIDING CLUB welcomes: Mr. Jay Baker and daughter Jo-Ann who own a matched pair of pintos named Sugar and Spice. Coca (short for Rum and Coca Cola) is the new brown stock horse owned by Bob Carroll.

Burl and Lillian Tatum were hosts at a barbecue held at Mountain on July 7 with Lou Conner presiding at the barbecue pit, and Lou Schaackey in charge of the Spanish beans. Smoked pork chops, corn on the cob, tossed green salad, garlic bread and coffee completed the menu. Present were: Peggy and Warren Cramer, Mabel Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Baker, Jo-Ann Baker, Bea McKechnie, Diane Lombardi, Bill Barnard, Ruth Conner, Bob and Lynn Carroll.

HIGHLAND STABLES feature breakfast and moonlight rides during the summer. Bill Mayer, Terry Tierney and Buck Crowley are frequent Sunday riders.

Ray Trimble is training Melody for Nancy Romwell and is conducting a series of junior classes on Thursdays and Saturdays.

Giles Hunter is riding a new pinto, Hi-Girl, temporarily replacing his own Hi-Boy who recently met with an unfortunate accident but is recovering.

Enjoying vacations are Edna Trimble, Janet Stowe and Marlene Fate.

HIDDEN VALLEY where Highland Stables are located is quite a horse area. Accessible by car via 107th Avenue, the area has a right-of-way for horses up over the hills to the Chabot area. The Howers, Ethel Leventon, Joan Moe, and Johnny Prentiss all have stables in the valley.



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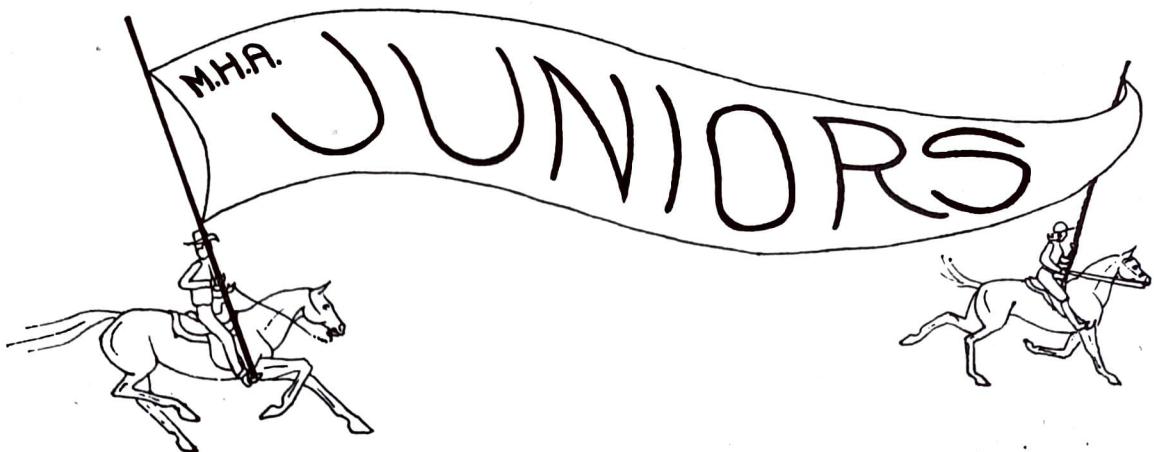
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Anne (Copper) Burnham graduated from Oakland High and is working as assistant manager at See's Candy Shop in Hayward. She's thinking about changing her horse's name from Copy Cat to Down Beat.

Sally Jane Calkins has been riding at the family's summer place in the Napa Valley. Sue Cameron has been spending the summer at Lake Spalding.

Carol and Joan Cordery have been riding around the trails here as has Sheldon Saslow who rides daily from Piedmont. Barbara Saslow has been vacationing in Los Angeles.

Lynn Glickman who enters Piedmont High in the fall, spent her summer vacation at Aetna Springs where she enjoyed the beautiful trails. Judy Havas attended the Girl Scout camp at Timberloft near Yosemite, and then went to the Bar-49 Ranch near St. Helena.

Louise Heineman, now a senior at Castlemont, spent her vacation at Twain Harte; Carol Robbiano spent part of her vacation at the Lake Chabot camp, and part at Half Moon Bay.

Melvin Pimentel, active in the National Guard, spent three weeks at Camp Cook in June, then came home and got a job. He's one of the busiest seniors at Castlemont. Albert Lucas joined the army and is now at Lowry Field, Denver.

Roxie Powell reports that she has been busy taking care of her black Morgan and brown cow pony on Pinehaven Road, but plans a vacation at Clear Lake.

Karen Weir had a nice trip to Chicago and Detroit; Gloria Parsell has gone to Mariposa for the summer and taken her horse, Red King.

Jean Carmody rides Destiny McDonald from the Howard Robinsons'. Originally trained as a five-gaited horse, Destiny

has now been trained by Jimmy Black for a trail horse. Jean attended school in France last year, now attends Garfield Junior High in Berkeley, and spent her vacation at the Girl Scouts camp at White Plains near Placerville.

Bud Cormier, a new member, is a senior at Fremont and rides western; James Arro, also a new member, owns Little Commander, quarter horse.

Linda Bandel, member of the American Horse Shows Association, rides western and flat saddle; goes in for swimming, tennis and archery, attends Piedmont High, and would like to serve on a junior committee. Linda and Joan Peterson, recently made a new stable flag for Miss Graham's where they are frequent riders.

Also from Miss Graham's are Nina and Susie Curley who will be leaving soon to live in Ridgeway, New Jersey. Mischief will go with them but Adelsman is going into retirement here.

Riding in a group at Miss Graham's are Lynda Pierce and Kay Potter, Peter Rowe, David Gregory, and Dan Hart. Judy Hawxhurst took her horse to Healdsburg on vacation but regrettably left Caesar, cat, and Whiskers, dog, at home. Linda Hawxhurst hopes to be riding again soon. Patricia Anderson is spending the summer at Lake Alpine and the Girl Scout Camp at Timberloft.

Darlene Eurick, new member, rides her brother's horse Patches.

EL CABALLO VOLANTE RIDE

Nearly 60 junior riders joined El Caballo Volante in the annual Mt. Diablo Ride July 12-15 and MHA member Marian Parson won fourth place in the senior division trail ride.

Starting from Wheeler Ranch, the group had lunch at the Cardinet Ranch, and a big barbecue on Mt. Diablo.

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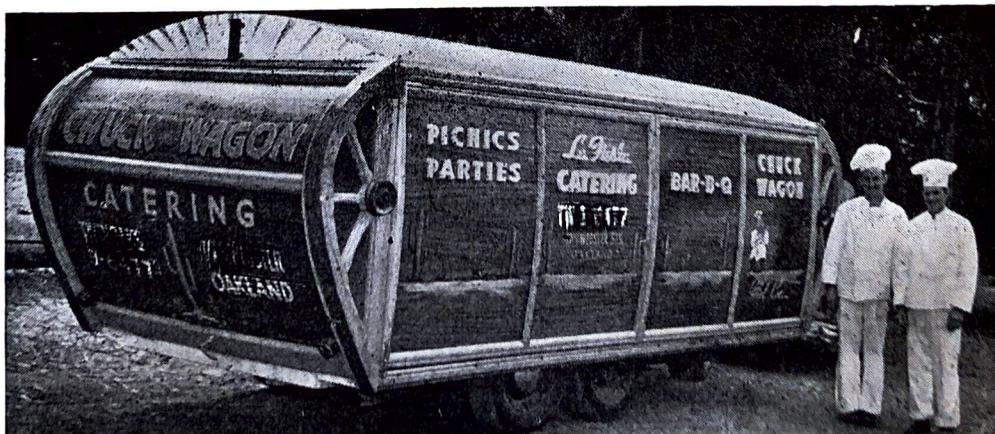
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